



A NEWSLETTER FOR HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELORS, PRINCIPALS AND REGISTRARS
FROM SHELTON STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE OFFICE OF ADMISSIONS

GREETINGS FROM SHELTON STATE!

We are delighted to announce the renewed emphasis on Dual Enrollment / Dual Credit and Accelerated High School Programs in area school systems.

Through these programs, students have the opportunity to take college courses here on our campus while still in high school. These programs are all about opportunities and unlimited options for high school students. These programs provide opportunities for all students, regardless of their career interest.

Because Shelton State is a comprehensive community college, we have the unique opportunity to offer broad student access to our academic and career technical programs.

We offer over 27 different career technical programs which can lead to an Associate in Applied

Science degree or certificate and can unlock early opportunities for employment in today's technically demanding workplace.

Shelton State Community College is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, so students planning to attend a four year institution may take courses that will ultimately transfer and count towards their degree. The Statewide Transfer Articulation System makes planning a degree program simple for these first time college students.

So whether students are looking for a fast track to a technical career or a head start on a four year degree, they will all reap the benefits of the Dual Enrollment / Dual Credit and Accelerated High School programs.

These programs will begin a process that will exponentially increase a student's chance of a smooth transition from high school to college. And ultimately, they will take a proactive role in their education by setting and achieving their own goals.

We here at Shelton State have always believed that our number one job is to make a difference in the lives of the students that we touch, and through the cooperation, commitment and support of the Tuscaloosa City and County School Systems we will be able to make a difference to those students who otherwise may have not come our way.

Dr. Rick Rogers, President
Shelton State Community College

QUICK Q&A ON DUAL ENROLLMENT/DUAL CREDIT

While in high school, students can get a jump start in a college Career Technology program at Shelton State through Dual Enrollment/Dual Credit or through the Accelerated High School Program. These courses can lead to an Associate in Applied Science degree or certificate and can unlock early opportunities for employment in today's technically demanding workplace. Good jobs require a good education. Career Technical programs are an important component of the opportunities for high school students at Shelton State.

What is Dual Enrollment / Dual Credit? Dual Enrollment means

that a student is taking a class that will be used for both high school AND for college credit.

What courses can a student take? Courses are designated as appropriate for Dual Enrollment through agreements reached between the high school and Shelton State. A variety of courses in career technical and academic transfer programs are available depending on the career goal of the student.

What is Accelerated High School? Accelerated High School means that a high school student is taking a college course with will count for college credit. Unlike Dual

Enrollment/Dual Credit, the student does not receive high school credit for the class.

What courses can be taken in the Accelerated High School Program? A variety of courses in career technical and academic transfer programs are available depending on the career goal of the student. Unlike Dual Enrollment/Dual Credit, there are no restrictions on the courses that may be taken.

How do college classes fit into a high school schedule? With approval from the local high school, students may take courses at Shelton State during the day or in the

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evening during the school year. Courses are also available during the summer and on line.

How much does it cost? Dual enrollment students pay the same tuition rate assessed for all Shelton State Community College courses.

Need more information? Contact Byron Abston at 205/391-2388 or via email, babston@sheltonstate.edu.

SHELTON SUMMER STUDIES

Want to help your students get a head start on college this summer? Encourage them to apply for the Shelton Summer Studies (S3) program.

Shelton Summer Studies is an excellent way for students to get a head start on their college career. It is a wonderful opportunity for students who plan to continue their education at Shelton State and for those students who will be attending another institution in the fall. With proper planning, general academic courses should transfer to any college or university. Each summer thousands of dollars designated for financial aid and scholarships go unused. Shelton Summer Studies (S3) is a program designed to help graduating seniors get a head start on college by applying for these untapped funds.

Any student who graduates from high school in spring 2005 with the Standard or Advanced High School diploma is eligible to apply.

There are four great reasons to enroll in the Shelton Summer Studies program: Shelton State S3 Program has no effect on any other financial aid, the Shelton State S3 Program will not affect plans to attend another school in the fall, beginning college freshmen can save valuable time and money, and there is no application fee.

The Shelton Summer Studies application deadline is May 1, 2005. For additional information call (205) 391-2232.

FINANCIAL AID FAFSA WORKSHOPS SCHEDULED

Shelton State Community College Financial Aid Office will host FAFSA workshops for high school seniors and their parents throughout the spring.

Each workshop is limited to 30 applicants, so advance registration is required. Please call 205/391-2218 to register. All sessions take place in Room 1826 on the Martin Campus. Seven sessions are scheduled:

March 3 4:00-5:00 P.M.

March 28 1:00-2:00 P.M.

March 28 3:00-4:00 P.M.

March 29 1:00-2:00 P.M.

March 29 3:00-4:00 P.M.

April 7 4:00-5:00 P.M.

April 21 4:00-5:00 P.M.

Prior to attending a FAFSA workshop, students and/or parents will need to go on line at www.pin.ed.gov and apply for a personal identification number (PIN). If the student is a dependent, at least one parent will need to apply for the PIN.

The student, or parents if the student is a dependant, must have already filed their 2003 and/or 2004 Federal Tax Returns. Please bring a copy of the completed federal tax forms for the year of assistance. For example, for 2004-2005 FAFSA, you will need your 2003 Federal Tax Forms. For 2005-2006 FAFSA, you will need the completed 2004 Federal Tax Forms.

Dependent applicants will need to have the certain information on thier parent(s) marital status. For divorced or separated parents the Custodial Parent's Date of Separation or Divorce, Parent's Social Security Number, Parent's Date of birth, Custodial Parent's Tax forms.

For remarried or married parents, including stepparents, Date of Marriage, Parent and Stepparent Social Security Number, Parent and Stepparent Date of Birth and Parent and stepparent Tax Forms.

For additional information or to schedule a workshop time, call the Financial Aid Office at 205/391-2218.

ACT DATES SET

April 9, 2005

June 11, 2005

For registration information, visit the ACT website at www.act.org.

"The intent of Tech Prep is to provide the student with work place skills that will allow the individual to successfully enter the job market, the military or further education. Students involved in Tech Prep programs will often find themselves advancing more quickly toward their careers, receiving credit towards college or technical certification for courses completed in high school (saving money), taking courses that are tied to workplace skills, and gaining valuable career-related experience."

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FINE ARTS AUDITIONS SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 8

The faculty and staff of the Shelton State Community College Visual and Performing Arts Division invite you to a day of activities especially planned for students who have applied for visual and performing arts scholarships on Friday, April 8.

In addition to scheduled auditions and interviews, students will have an opportunity to tour the Sandra Hall-Ray Fine Arts Centre located on the Shelton State Martin campus.

8:30-9:00 AM

Registration in the lobby of the Bean-Brown Theatre

9:00 AM

Convocation in the Alabama Power Recital Hall

9:30-1:00 PM

Auditions and tours as scheduled

Each student will be assigned an audition appointment time, and a tour group.

Participation in the Visual and Performing Arts Day is limited to those students who have applied for fine arts scholarships. Applications are avail-



able from high school counselors and the Counseling Center at Shelton State.

Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of demonstrated talent in

the arts, high school grades, ACT scores, experience in the arts, educational goals, audition performance, and interview.

Scholarships are awarded in all areas of music, theatre, visual arts and speech (forensics). For specific audition requirements, contact the various departments.

Scholarship applications must be received by March 1, 2004. Further information may be obtained by conducting individual divisions.

All auditions and interviews are closed. Family and friends are invited to visit the campus at another time. Please contact the Shelton State Counseling Office at 205/391-2469 to arrange a campus tour.

In 1997, in recognition of its contributions in music, dance, theatre and the visual arts, the Alabama Legislature, by joint resolution, designated Shelton State Community College as the "Alabama's Community College of the Fine Arts."

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IMPORTANT DATES

Scholarship Deadline

March 1, 2005

Fine Arts Audition Day

Friday, April 8